

Response
Application No. 10/720,110
Attorney Docket No. 032135

REMARKS

Claims 2-4 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 2 and 4 have been amended and claim 3 has been cancelled. No new matter is present. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated October 16, 2007.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 3 and 4/3 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

It is respectfully submitted that independent claim 2 has been amended to include the allowable features of claim 3.

Therefore, it is submitted that the remaining pending claims 2 and 4 are now allowable are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TEB', is written over the firm name.

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